

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: HERSCOVICI et al.

Serial No.:	10/605,208	Art Unit:	2166
Filed:	9/15/2003	Examiner:	PHAM, Khanh B.
Title:	<i>Automatic Query Routing and Rank Configuration for Search Queries in an Information Retrieval System</i>		

**COMMUNICATION REGARDING DUPLICATE SUBMISSION  
OF RCE, AMENDMENT, 131 AFFIDAVIT, AND FEES**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicants hereby request that the Office disregard the duplicate submission of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE), Amendment, 131 Affidavit, and applicable fees, which were electronically filed on October 20, 2006.

On October 20, 2006, Applicants' agent of record attempted to submit an RCE, Amendment, 131 Affidavit, and applicable fees, but the submission did not appear to be completed or received by the USPTO. Applicants' agent did not get an acknowledgement receipt and there was no record of it on PAIR. We then called the EBC and explained the situation and we were instructed to resubmit the filing, and we did.

On October 23, 2006, we noticed that there were two submissions of the filing in the PAIR image file wrapper. On that date we e-mailed the EBC and asked that the Office delete one set of the documents from the electronic file wrapper, and/or please confirm that the Applicants' agent's deposit account will not be charged twice for the duplicate filing. The EBC responded by e-mail, informing us that submissions cannot be removed from the image file wrapper, and to avoid being charged twice, the Applicants' agent should submit a letter requesting that the duplicate submission be ignored.

Accordingly, this communication is being submitted to request that the Office disregard the duplicate submission of October 20, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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